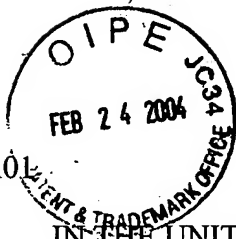


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-171645, published on June 14, 2002,  
together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is  
discussed on page 1 of the present specification;

U.S. Patent No. 6,058,562 to SATOU et al., issued on May 9, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,339,136 to UCHIDA, issued on January 15, 2002; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,402,155 to SAKATA, issued on June 11, 2002.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents. A copy of the Japanese patent document is attached and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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